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MG Glenn H. Curtis
The Adjutant General
Louisiana National Guard
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Dear General Curtis:

Enclosed is the report from the technical assistance visit (TAV) you requested in your letter of July 2, 2014 regarding an assessment of the potential short- and long-term hazards associated with the storage of M6 propellant. The attached TAV report provides recommendations for the Louisiana Military Department's (LMD) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6's (EPA 6) consideration for implementation to improve the explosives safety posture at the Louisiana National Guard's (LANG) Camp Minden.

An Army team conducted the requested TAV at Camp Minden from 1 to 5 December 2015. The TAV team reviewed explosives safety issues related to the continued storage of M6, to include current storage configurations. During the TAV, the team also reviewed and discussed with LMD and representatives from EPA 6, and the Louisiana State Police, LMD's plans for execution of the removal action outlined in the 28 October 2014 Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action (AOC).

As during previous TAV, the team's primary focus was on ensuring recommendations it made for LMD's consideration focused on actions that would reduce or mitigate potential explosive hazards to LMD personnel and public safety. Among other matters, the team also made explosives safety recommendations for consideration to improve the efficiency of and reduce the operational risk associated with the proposed removal action.

My point of contact for this matter is Mr. J. C. King, Director for Munitions and Chemical Matters, and Army DDESB Voting Member, phone number (703) 697-5564; email jc.king@us.army.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. Wolfe".

Hershell E. Wolfe
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Environment, Safety and Occupational Health)

Enclosure: As stated.